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PHARMACEUTICAL USE THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: Bernard Dentz

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Election & Response to Restriction Requirement

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 13, 2003, the Applicants elect with traverse Group III (as indicated in the written restriction requirement), claims 1-7 and 9-14, drawn to compounds with a ring system with just oxygen.

The Applicants traverse the restriction of Group II, which is drawn to compounds with a ring system with just sulfur.

The traversal is on the basis that the Office has not adequately established that Groups II and III are independent and distinct from one another. For instance, both oxygen and sulfur appear in the same group in the periodic table and would be expected to share some of the same chemical properties of elements within this group. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that no undue burden would be imposed on the Examiner in conducting an examination of Groups II and III together, because similar subject matter is encompassed by each group.

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Reply to Office Action of June 13, 2003

In view of the above remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and that Groups II and III be examined together.

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